

HOUSE BILL 3222
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AN ACT to provide for the erection and maintenance of directional signs for historic and recreational sites on Interstate Highway 40 in Benton and Humphreys counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department of transportation is hereby directed to erect and maintain signs for the Tennessee River Fresh Water Pearl Farm-Museum and Interpretive Center and Tennessee's Kentucky Lake Recreational Area and the Scenic Tennessee River. In addition to directional language and symbols, such signs shall bear the following language in substantially the same format:

(1)

Historic Site

Tennessee River Fresh Water Pearl Farm-Museum
and Interpretive Center

Home of Tennessee's Official State Gem

; and

(2)

Tennessee Valley Authority

Tennessee's Kentucky Lake Recreational Area and the
Scenic Tennessee River

America's Largest Man-Made Lake

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect and maintain the signs described in Section 1 at the following locations:

(1) Interstate Highway 40 westbound at mile marker 135 (approximately at the approach to the Tennessee River Bridge) in Humphreys County; and

(2) Interstate Highway 40 eastbound at mile marker 131 in Benton County.

SECTION 3. In addition to the signs provided for in Section 2, the department of transportation shall erect and maintain directional trailblazing signage at appropriate locations on State Route 191 northbound and U.S. Highway 641 northbound for the historic and recreational sites delineated in Section 1.

SECTION 4. The erection of such directional and trailblazing signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 6. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.